

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1351 without my signature.

This bill would impose additional voter-approval requirements on the transfer of district-owned hospitals to private corporations. These district hospitals are governed by a locally-elected health care district board – who are responsible to the voters of their community. All districts are governed by the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act, public contracting laws and other statutory restrictions.

I cannot support placing additional restrictions on a local hospital district, especially when they are elected by, and accountable to, their local community.

For this reason, I am unable to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger